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### The "Undefined" War Power.

Former President TAFT has written tive authority to the Executive. Mr. of THE SUN. In particular, we are mutton and pork. glad to find him in agreement with about one very important question of constitutional law.

We refer to the so-called war from the Constitution.

Mr. Tarr correctly describes this war power as "undefined." He might even have gone further than that and described it as non-existent in the constitutional sense.

tionality" of any legislation which fering with his authority in time of of sound judgment. the Congress.

This supposition belongs with the popular fallacies. The only war powers specifically granted by the Constitution are granted to Congress, not comparatively few persons, men and malais put this momentous fact in of slacker marriages, and his later advantage of all concerned; certainly to to the Executive. These several war women, who might be attracted by the powers of Congress are defined by novelty and romance of a trip to war the Constitution.

ers as belong exclusively to the Presi- never take up a similar occupation true; it should be "gold is the sinews money. dent are conferred upon him not di- here; but these, it is to be feared, of war," or "money is the sinews of rectly and definitely and specifically, would be of little use to Miss Morgan war," or something after that order. but only indirectly and by implication abroad. They would rank with the in the clause designating him as Commander in Chief.

Constitution contains not a section, hamper competent workers. or a clause, or a line, or a word disclude the "militia of the several States when called into the actual service of the United States."

As to the army and navy of the United States, the President is as places in a civilized country. much the Commander in Chief of these in peace as he is in war; and the circumstance of war does not increase his authority in a single particular that is mentioned by the Con-

Mr. Tarr is quite right when he fined." It may be and undoubtedly old roads and some new names. is created and shaped by the exigencles of the conflict. But it is not dethe sooner this broad fact is underbe about the invasion by Congress

The Big Game of Alaska. Alaska is the last great game country of the nation, and if the best conservation measures be adopted in the Alaska in his report for 1917. Notwithstanding the needs of "the best of Alaska is threatened by a bill now selling at all times of buil moose, caribou, male and female, and the male sheep, north of latitude 62 degrees, which takes in a little more

that where he has his establishment Is the gateway to the finest and about the last of the great game countries for meat to take the place of beef, tlously so as to turn out when they muiton and pork. Because of the came to the old stump. Now that the

high price of these latter foods, the thoroughfare is known as the Speedsale of these animals would be per- way they no longer feel constrained mitted at all times north of 62 degrees "during the existing state of There is only one drawback about var," as the title of the bill reads, taking to the open road. After a for none can tall what accidents may although the phrase is not in the short distance it is invariably found neasure itself.

ter that permitted men to kill a went into the ditch. buffalo merely to use the loin for supper and breakfast, and throw away the remainder of the meat. Not get- but they have geographical anteceting a sufficient number of men in dents which it is difficult to alter. America to slay the animals, the rail- For example, there is the Merrick roads even advertised in England for Road of Long Island, which at some hunters and included women in the distance from New York becomes invitation. The big game of America simply the South Country Road. Why have been so depleted that caribou and does the South Country Road wind antelope are found only in protected about in the particular fashion it parks. Three States only have an does? A Long Islander who once exopen season on elk, two on goat, one amined this question with some care on sheep, and so rapidly has the came to the conclusion that the moose been killed off that only a brief open season in one State is all that is level region were due to the existleft of the vast herds that once made their homes in the Northern States. Practically every State in the coun-

try has a law against the sale of game. It was seen that by degrees the natural heritage of all the people it became imperative to enact legislation to save the candidates booked for extinction.

The present law in Alaska and the Sulzer bill permit the taking of two moose, three caribou and three sheep. Nothing could be more liberal than that. At present the carcass of caribou is permitted to be sold during the open season and fifteen days therean article for the Public Ledger of after. The Sulzer bill would permit Philadelphia on the abdication by Con- the selling of moose and sheep, in adgress of its constitutional powers in dition to caribou, and there is nothing the progressive delegation of legisla- to stop the commercial people from sending men out to bring back \$1,000 TAFT's general opinion with regard worth of moose, sheep and caribou to the significance and danger of this meat, and selling it all the year round process seems to be much like that in place of the higher priced beef,

"War necessity" for such a condiwhat this newspaper has been saying tion has not arisen. If it does arise. that is a matter to be met with in a manner that at least will not let the remnant of big game "in about the power of the President as derived last of the great game countries" follow in the footsteps of the bison.

## Miss Morgan's Appeal.

Miss Anne Morgan's patriotism and devotion to the great labors she has set for herself in the rehabilitation of Newspaper commentators like our devastated France are so appealing neighbor the World have said so that they almost disarm criticism; but much lately about the "unconstitu- her appeal to American women to travel to France, there to work on the the President might regard as inter- farms, is a counsel of enthusiasm, not

war as Commander in Chief of the If we had in this country and in army and navy that a great many Canada an excess of farm labor Miss people, no doubt, have actually come | Morgan's plan might command symto suppose that somewhere in the Con- pathetic consideration, although its stitution there is a definite grant of execution would involve numerous war powers to the Executive; powers difficulties. But there is a serious extraordinary and to be exercised shortage of farm labor throughout only after war has been declared by North America, and to deplete its ranks further might lead to disaster here without producing a compensating good result elsewhere.

It is probable that there are a torn France and promise to work at On the other hand, such war pow- agricultural rebuilding, who would LETT, the quotation does not ring romantic young women who long to cool the fevered brows of wounded Indeed, so far is the President from heroes in a military hospital, but want possessing a defined function in time somebody else to scrub the floors. It of war, enlarging the authority he would be better to have them remain exercises in time of peace, that the at home than to send them afield to

Meanwhile Miss Moscan wants thiguishing between his war powers money to buy the necessaries of life and his peace powers; with the single for the refugees who flock to Bleranmander in Chief is extended to in- ought to get it promptly; and every to repair the damage done by barbarians to those whose only offence

#### Some Old Roads and Some New Names.

Now that the time rapidly appronches when the feel of spring is in the air, and when authors, motorists and vagabonds take to "the open speaks of the war power as "unde- road," it is fitting to consider some

About half a hundred miles from New York are certain wood roads fined by constitutional warrant; and with ancient and agreeable designations-the Ticket Road, the Old stood, the less loose talk there will Stump Road, the Horseblock Road, the Granny Road and the Portion of "the constitutional war powers of Road. It is with a sinking heart that the President" whenever Congress un- the traveller sees a new signpost set dertakes to legislate concerning mat- up in a little clearing telling him that ters of governmental organization af- the good old Portion Road has become, for lot selling purposes, Montgomery Boulevard. The old name besides simplicity and unusualness had historical significance in that it denoted and recalled a land division of a century ago. The new name has immediate future an abundance of not even the fitness surrounding that

> PYTHIAS JOHNSON. And why rechristen the Granny Road? Calling it Buena Vista Drive does not improve the view. Buena Vista as the name of a linen collar is subject to a certain amount of jus tification. The collar may look wellon some one else.

It is true there is no longer a horse block on the Horseblock Road nor an old stump on the Old Stump Road. but these things once had existence. Whereas Catalpa Avenue can never be defended, for no entalpa will grow of North America." The Sulzer bill, on the Horseblock Road, as any one if it became law, would open up the but a nominiculturist would admit country where the remnant of the big The excuse for labelling the Old came supply now is and permit the Stump Road something else was that placing in cold storage of big game motorists proceeded slowly and cau-

to admire the scenery.

to be closed for repairs. True, an It was the commercializing of the arrow generally shows the direction pison that wiped the animals from the for the necessary detour, but no cross map of the United States, the slaugh- marks the spot where the last car

Roads have no names which rea estate developers are bound to respect twists and turns in an exceptionally ence, every mile or so, of various brooks and small streams, all flowing south into the Great South Bay. As nearly as he could judge the road proceeded from one fordable place to another in earlier days. The first was used for the profit of a few and Long Islanders had had to cross these numerous waterways at certain spots where horses could splash through shallow water with a safe footing.

This was before any of the streams had been dammed for the double sake knows the truth. We are not yet con- made up of pinpricks and seemingly of water power and a dry highway. Thus the South Country Road had been evolved as a thoroughfare leading from ford to ford. The persistence of this law of its evolution is findings by independent scholars, shown by the fact that it still runs from fords to Fords.

#### Have We Caught an Old and Esteemed Friend Napping?

One of our numerous learned and sagacious friends, having by dint of onremitting study attained that exalted plane of wisdom on which dwell how long his mistake escaped detecthe erudite who verify all the quotations they desire to use, had occasion recently to lean for a moment familiar misquotations. on honest JOHN BARTLETT and his "collection of passages, phrases and ancient and modern literature." With serene and unquestioning confidence support, and in the process of his the edition of 1914, which is devoted |-The World. to Master Francis Rabelais, the sturdy romancer whose gravity and gayety have survived three and a half centuries and still serve to amuse, to start to cross a street, no matter from entertain and to instruct. Half way which side, the traffic approaches down the page appears this entry, sin- them from the left; that when they gularly apposite in the world's present situation, and by its appropriateness well designed to catch the truent attention:

"Corn is the sinews of war -- Works. Chapter XLVI."

The saying is a true one; Mr. Hooven has burned it on our conscious ness; it is a truism of every dinner table, the password in every eating draft. house. But did Master Francis Ra- District Board's practice with respect words, and bequenth it to Time and the foes of Prussian autocracy? Despite the authority of John Barttypographical or other? Let appeal be taken to his earlier work, the edition of 1891, in which he modestly writes down:

"I have gathered a posic of other thread that binds them is mine own."

Here, too, this time on page 771, is "Corn is the sinews of war." Now, minor exception that his title of Com- court, helpless and distressed. She this appears conclusive; John Barr-LETT himself was allve in 1901; his dollar contributed to her work will go posie of other men's flowers first appeared in 1855, and countless grave stead of twenty-five or more, for was that they had their dwelling since then. Each of them has sworn by it when it upheld him, and at it when it confuted him; could an error in a phrase so popular be overlooked? Or did RABELAIS actually say corn ganizations. is the sinews of war, and had his exact observation been neglected, overlooked, forgotten? It is hard to go against BARTLETT the Institution revised and enlarged in the 1914 vol ume by NATHAN HASKELL DOLE; It Is a project of great daring to take issue with John himself in the 1901 version. But that corn sticks in the crop.

What did Master Francis say? Chapter XLVI, of Book I, of the Works records "How Grangousier did very kindly entertain Touchfau-ET his prisoner." He called to him the monk, "and before them all thus spoke unto him":

"Friar John, my good friend, is you that took prisoner the Captain TOUCHFAUCET here present? Sir. said the monk, seeing himself is here, and that he is of the years of discretion, I had rather you should know it by his confession than by any words of mine. Then said TOUCHPAUCET, My sovereign I do therefore most freely yield mysell his prisoner. Have you put him to any ransom? said GRANDGOUSIER to the monk. No. said the monk, of that I take no care. How much would you have for having taken him? Nothing, nothing, said the monk; I am not swayed by that, nor do I regard it. Then GRAN-GOUSIER commanded that, in presence of TOUCHFAUCET, should be delivered to the monk for taking him the sum of three core and two thousand saluts (in English money fifteen thousand and five hundred pounds) which was done \* \* \*."

Thereupon Captain Touchfaucer was set at liberty, with rich presents. Accompanied by a suitable guard under GYMNAST, he departed, and :

"As soon as he was gone the monk restored unto GRANDGOUSIER the three

score and two thousand saluts which THE BUTTERFLY WHO GREW he had received, saying, Sir, it is not as yet the time for you to give such gifts; stay till this war be at an end. occur, and war begun without good provision of money beforehand for going through with M. Is but as a breathing of strength, and blast that will quickly pass away. Coin is the sinews of war."

So "coin" not "corn" was what Master Francis Rabelais made Friar John say? Ab, the types may be wrong in this wretched edition of the classic, though the context seems to uphold the traditional saying and to and said he merely wanted condemn Bartlett; but we must not talked about, and of those who move in haste against a high authority. Consult the publishers: let us hear what they have to say:

TDEAR SIR: We beg to thank you for your interest in advising us of the seeming error in the text of Bartlett's Familiar Quotations-quotation from Rabe-

"There seems to be little question but what your edition of Rabelais is correct in this particular instance, and upon verifying beyond any possible question, we will make the change in the plates. "Yours very truly,

LITTLE BROWN & COMPANY. "H. G. MCINTTRE. "Boston, February 12."

Mr. McIntyne has already been to the Public Library, no doubt, and ume of suffering in the world is mainly vinced, so great is our respect for BARTLETT: we shall await the researches of Little, Brown & Company and the verification of their where it should, is often the cause of whom we can see now rushing to mortification of a modest person who their reference libraries and original sources, with John Corron Dana misery of finding one of them out of well in the lead; and if John Bast- repair? LETT did nod, we hope among these eminent servants of accuracy will be in perfect order, how effective is the found one with all the editions of the Familiar Quotations, who can tell us tion by the gifted men who depend on the integrity of his versions of

When Senator WEEKS, Republican, of proverbs traced to their sources in port of Senator Chamberlain, Democrat, whose recent assertion that the and that its Government had stopped he sought this ever ready staff and functioning is well remembered, he search his eye fell upon page 957 of Senator James, Democrat, of Kentucky.

Perhaps he considered the source.

Magistrate House advises pedes trians to bear in mind "when they reach the middle of the street it ap proaches them from the right. Before look to the left. When reaching the middle of the street always look to the right." And a United States mail van is likely to come from right, left, the

Secretary BAKER has amended his ried men for exemption from the His regulations revised the

\$15 a week clerk tried to get \$50, 00,000 loan.—Newspaper headline. Well, he may have needed the

# HELL GATE CHANNEL

Would Wise Provision Make It Fortyfive Feet Deep?

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: If my change is made in Hell Gate chan- a gentle jerk loosens them and there you sel I would like to suggest that it would be much more advantageous to make it lieve Congress set the figures at a orty foot channel.

The making of a thirty-five foot channel is certainly going backward, that they are coming to be used more not forward, and one of the great troubles with many of the engineering projects around New York city has been n looking ahead only a few years inscholars have used it as a handbook | construct a thirty-five foot channel today and in a few years make it forty or forty-five would be simply throwing away the public's money, to say nothing of becoming a laughing stock for many of the Western engineering or-Consulting Engineer.

NEW YORK, February 16.

# The Hen Embargo.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIC: 1 acpears that our Food Administrator has interdicted the buying of hens durng the next seventy-five days. Doe the saplent gentleman think that poultrymen who have kept hens six or eight little need be said." I have read Carrie months while they were fed on grain Gehrmann's letter to THE SUN with worth \$5 a hundred, and the hens not much interest, but the above line should aying enough to pay for their salt, will be of the greatest importance. rell them now when they just begin to Herr Henninghausen, a German his pay? Flocks are usually culled at the torian resident in Baltimore, has docuend of the laying season, and the most | mentary evidence that Abraham Lincoln promising ones kept for breeding. At was of direct German origin; he can his season they are looked over again, show that his grandfather, Abraham and those not likely to lay in the near Linkhorn, held land in tiermany. Young future are sold to the butcher. I have Abe Lincoln served mass in his father's 300 hens that give no promise of laying three eggs in three months, but I must keep them at an expense of over \$300, people who attended mass. and then sell them at a time when there will be no demand for them. Looks like a chance for the dealers

good priofit! FRANK HYDE. PEEKSKILL, Pebruary 16.

um the Fort Scott Tribune. first time we met Homer Hoch, the Marion editor who yesterday announced for the Republican nomination for Con-gress, we were thrown together as roommates in a frat house at Lawrence, and while he is a good, clean, progressive young man, he lacks nerve because he either falled to say his prayers or thought

#### The Line. (American troops in France.)

Lorraine, The embattled line that runs, From Switzerland to the main.

You still will hold the line!

and howsoever brutish foes combine. Whatever fate ensue. We have our faith unfailing-faith that

CLINTON SCOLLARD.

INTO AN EAGLE.

Once upon a time there was a But terfly who lived in the sunlight with butterflies, of whom he was the King. Many of the butterflies were sealous of the King Butterfly; many of those who watched the but-terflies said that while he was very amusing to look upon, and perhaps might be a king among butterfiles

after all he was only a butterfly. When a time came in which Eagles were needed, the King Butterfly said that he would learn to be an Eagle. A good many of the butterflies laughed at the King Butterfly then, watched the butterfiles, not a few said, "Once a butterfly, king or no king,

But the King Butterfly did his bes to learn to be an Eagle, and finally he became an Eagle, held in respect by other Eagles, and he died as ar Eagle, thus convincing even the butterfiles and those who watched them that a Butterfly may grow into ar Eagle, if he tries hard.

# ELIMINATE THE BUTTON? Man to Be Emancipated by Following

Woman's Example. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUNbelieve it was Dr. Watts who informed us that the mighty ocean was compose of tiny drops of water. May it not be said with equal truth that the vast vol-

triffing discomforts? Among these I count the annoyance to the use of buttons and buttonholes. A single button, by not being acute distress, to say nothing of the may become conscious of its absence. And buttonholes! Who has escaped the

Even when buttons and holes are all constantly recurrent drudgery of coordinating them in provoking incipient madness in the drudge!

I know of nothing more infuriating than the necessity of buttoning and unbuttoning one's clothing, excepting the frightful task of hooking up one's wife's dress. The hook and eye present the greatest demonstration ever made of the inferiority of the female sex. Men are too intelligent to use them, even though they still submit to the tyranny of that custom which dictates the use of but-

It was a great and glorious thing THE Sun did some time ago when it told how one particular button can be done away with. By just so much it lightened the burden of human misery. But why stop at the back of the neck? Why not go further and show how buttons may be eliminated altogether from the badly

anced scheme of the universe? It can be done, and I take a modest pride in being able to tell how. Lovely woman, God bless her! is no though she still uses hooks and eyes to some extent after having discovered how to do without them-a thing no man could ever do. Herein, with her usual consistency, she demonstrates her supe-

riority to the male sex. Snaopers are the things. At least believe that is what they call 'em. Anyhow, I have discovered among the in uling concerning the claims of mar- terminable rows of fastenings that run up and down my wife's dresses' backs and other parts, certain nerangements

ness of the human race. These little contraptions consist o knobs of metal on one side, and corresponding sockets also of metallic formation on the other. All you have to do is to shove the knob into the socket and

vicious snap, which, as I deduce, gives rise to the name, if that is really the tory of my art career. name of them. And once in they stay in till you want them to come out. Then

are again! Consider for a moment the great allemen's flowers, and nothing but the forty-five feet than thirty-five. I be-viation of present conditions that would either category of painting. be produced if snappers were used instead of buttons and hooks in all places where the latter now occur! It is true and more, and their superiority is everywhere recognized. Who would buy gloves that fastened up with hooks and

But the most valuable improvements often come into use slowly. I may not live to see the day when there shall be no more buttons and buttonholes, bu that day will surely come, and I shall have done some service to mankind by writing this. So will THE SUN If you DAVID A. CURTIS.

NEW YORK, February 16.

#### WHAT WASN'T LINCOLN? Of Course a German Puts in a Claim for Him.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT About Lincoln's birth and ancestry

house for Father St. Cyr, a French priest; he also made benches for the

There is no doubt about the origin the Hanks family, and their Irish brogue was intense, particularly that of Denis, who have large stocks to sell out at Jerry, Lucy and Nancy, as I have seen in the Outlook. This led me to look for an Irish origin, which I found in Birr Kings County. The given names of Fly," as noted in your issue of last those families were also much the same as Mary, Nancy, Bridget, Denis, Rodney Peter, Thomas, James and Jerry of Dermott. The crest and arms were the the New York Weckly, which was exnotto, "Honore et Virtute." The original name was Gillehanks.

The Gaelic name of Lincoln was Lin-Caer-Leon, capital of the Cruthunians or Picts, "City of Lugh on the Linn." Lugh was the Celtic god of light. Hence also Lugh-Dun or London, Caer Leon an Uise (now Carlyle). Lugh dunan Jaula (Libnetz), Lug dunum Cettica (Lyons), Leon, &c.

JOHN HUBLEY.

LITCHFIELD, Conn., February 15.

# Casting Up Accounts.

From the Elmira Reformatory Summery. A counterfeiter has one advantage over many of us: He is not in prison for spending other people's money; he made

#### ABDUL HAMID'S REPUTATION AMONG CENTRAL PARK WEST. The Car Track Makes It a Dangerou

Thoroughfare. TO THE EDITOR OF THE BUN-Sir: It his letter to Mayor Hylan asking him to eeding to relocate the tracks of the New York City Railways Company in Central Park West, Oscar Straus, president of the Public Service

on, wrote: A condition of imminent menace an danger exists which should be remedied with all possible expedition.

Those familiar with conditions in Central Park West agree that President Straus has hit the nail on the head. ace which should be eradicated. The selves, except where they have been ould take this matter up as soon as out of another life, perhaps of many. It is a hazardous undertaking to at-

empt to cross Central Park West. This due not only to the present location the thoroughfare bordering the western dge of Central Park is extensively used kinds. The stream of vehicles is con stant, with no traffic policemen to direct so he has to watch the northbound and curb and the vehicular traffic running in both directions between the southbound

Lat the tracks be but in the centre of the thoroughfare, then lop off a portion of the dirt walk on the east side of the tracks. In this way the car tracks could be used to separate the northbound and southbound traffic and Central Park West would be made comparatively safe for those who wish to cross

EXPERTENCED. NEW YORK, February 16.

#### LOUIS THE GRAPHOLOGIST. He Imitates Too. Does Our Leonardo. but This Is a Gift From the Gods.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The letter of "Strinus" reminds me of an-story teller in his capital. It was not name of the palace, means "star," it other facet of my myriad sided diamond many weeks after his hurried depar-was not difficult for its owner to read mind. Which is: My pen is able to imitate most any handwriting in a twinkle of the eye. Just examining an address on an envelope enables me to write an- attached to it in public or in private have also heard this story told difother address easily taken to be the by Turk or Christian. And timid ferently, the vermicelli being in the original. This is not done by study; merely a gift from the gods.

Many a time I write my letters in a feminine hand. Strinus's experience was with a man who had the power darkly at the deeds they had refused o simulate a trembling handwriting. Therefore do not try to read a man's haracter only by his letters-more satisfactory is studying his face, gait and the way he talks. Best results come from the taking notice of his hand shake. His facial expression can be and hand cannot, because it comes in contact with your grip.

This gift of imitation I had at 14. when I could copy any intricate water in shortest time. At 24 I copied portraits of the masters so well that my work was taken for that of the original. When a connoisseur looked at it last year, he, not knowing that I painted it, said: "Why, that is a fine work by Gainsborough!

At Cornell when I was 18 I painted wiolet with stem and leaves on a stray sleet of paper, with such verisimilitude to nature that when a costudent came to visit me he put out his hand to take it up and smell it. He was durifounded when he discovered the violet was the work of his friend. myself. Another time a finely bound library book was slightly torn by me. it, but paint a copy of the old style design around the rent. When finished read with considerable interest the let- should advocates of the new United no one could tell that the cover, with ter of Edmund W. Garner, published in States "premium bond" proposition be tints and drawings, had been torn. And your paper, in regard to the man who

men and women marvel at in the his- are in the service. In art, at first we imitate; then verbial silk, and his flow of speech is we slowly create. Many remain imi- sweeter than that of silver tongued buyers freedom of care and so on? tative ; the

In these days of photography it is pared with the case with which I came easy to imitate, and many a man using across with that "V." and I must admit is expected to put an edge on the upper this means cannot draw freehand what that he gave me \$5 worth of informa- tite of the bond buyer is the letter he has painted, therefore is not en- tion in regard to Camp Wadsworth and clause in the premium bonde; an appear titled to the title of artist. Everything my son, who is in the Signal Corps at to that instinct in the human makesp I do in art is direct in freehand draw- that camp. ing and painting. No mechanical If the Senate investigating committee ging and delving of a thousand generameans for high art. The hand alone could get him before it for an hour it tions of moral gardeners and declining draws everything, and with my brain inspired the new creation lies on the that has yet appeared. canvas, paper or board for the behold-

ers' marvelling. Louis M. Elishemius, minded of men.

NEW YORK, February 16.

A Science Not Lightly to Be Judged. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIE! Your many superficial students who judge of handwriting by simple signs. science of graphology is too profound to be so easily dismissed. Beyond the simple signs shown by a trembling handwriting may be others far more determining. The person referred to by "Strinus" may be nervous, or have just recovered from a sickness, and yet the will power or the determination be

not affected in the least. All the signs must be considered as a whole to determine the makeup of the character I have spent spare hours for years in the study of this science and know the danger of snap judgments based on shallow glances at single, simple signs

#### A Parody on "Shoo Fly." TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SITE I

NEW YORK, February 16. GRAPHO.

"Uncle Silas" with respect to the age of "Shoo Tuesday, and as to the letter designat ing the company in the chorus. In 1873 it may have been the year beforesame as the MacDermott's: also the plotting Ned Buntline, one of its star contributors, parodied "Shoo Fly" in a song which it gave wide circulation for advertising purposes. I may be pardoned for submitting the first stanza of this song :

> There was a daring chap, A scout and Indian fighter. Whose name was Squirrel Cap. He's as bold as any lion As stout as any ox, As nimble as a panther And as cunning as a fox

'Way out upon the prairie

ROCHESTER, February 16.

Shoo fly. &c. For many months the foregoing wa is popular as the original song had ex is gentle and true and does all the een, and would seem to suggest that Captain's hauling and carries him to "Shoo Fly" had appeared as early as H. S. R.

memory of the late Abdul Hamid, alias the Great Assassin, alias the Red Sultan, alias the Damned. But let no one suppose that these sentiments would The tracks at present constitute a men- cause pain even to the Turks themcondition has been allowed to exist too Germanized. Before the Kaiser lent ong already, and the Mayor when he a hand to restoring to the old Sultan returns from his vacation at Palm Beach his lost prestige and to many of his accomplices their lost power, Hamid possible. Delay may mean the snuffing was about as unpopular in Turkey as in the United States. Hatred of the late ruler was the one

unifying element in the Young Turk revolution, the element that made posof the tracks but also to the fact that sible its success. And the most striking index of the intensity of that hatred was the fact that in its name Arby business and pleasure traffic of all menians and Turks, Jews and gentiles were willing to work side by side. Scarcely less remarkable did it it. One has to keep a sharp eye and that when Abdul Hamid was finally deposed all nationalities could celebrate together. Under the excitement southbound cars running close to the of the salvo which announced the deposition, people in Constantinople, not knowing that the Red Sultan was to tically embraced one another regardless of race or creed. For the time in the history of the Turkish occupation, the differences between conqueror and conquered were forgotten in the rejoicing over the downfall of a common enemy. When a man who has for over

> position in the world as did Sultan vague tradition and a fast disintegrat-Hamie disappears over night and is mysteriously swallowed up in the siurally his name becomes something how quickly this most feared of mer became the butt of the most casual ture from the Yildiz Klosk before his No epithet was too black to be minor personages, heartened by reports of the high walls of that Salonica villa, owned to long secreted heroic actions under the old rigime, hinting to do and the bribes they had refused

In spite of the distaste for his perpopular one, and many stories illustrating the defects of his qualities of his most famous victims, called upon him to inform him of his depothey would spare his life.

constant dread of assassination. keep people on higher ground from rectly, was dogs.

# CATCH THIS RASCAL!

Soldlers' Parents. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: of imitative works that is swindling the parents of the boys who

few only grow to be creators. O'Grady when he was at his best. He No siur on any one, if only each would touched me for \$5, and that he did not regular United States bonds, with all receive just reward and acclaim in get more is his fault, for taking candy these qualities as carefully conserved as from a baby was hard work as com- is possible in any national bond.

His story to me, briefly, was as fol- possible for nothing. lows: He had been to Spartanburg to visit two brothers who had enlisted; (cent. interest instead of the 4 per cent Peer of Poet-Painters; most myrind had bought return tickets as far north on the second issue of Liberty boulds as New York; had lost some of his The amount representing the saving money, and had only \$6 left to get to this 1 per cent, interest will be Buffalo and needed \$5 more to get home, | vided-a haif of 1 per cent, every so

The first part is where he lands you, containing all such numbers. correspondent "Strinus" is one of the He knew my son by first name; knew lota more immoral than the drawing the names of some of his chunis in the numbers to determine the order nervice; knew his traits as well as I which our young men should go it know them; knew what his cank was; the National Army. told me what a fine soldler and horseman he had become; how highly he was this half of 1 per cent eaving all thought of by his superior officers; amount to \$25,000,000 every Fix n knew that he had never taken a day Dividing this sum among the holdaway from service since he calisted last 5,000 bond numbers as above June; told me that my son had told would insure a premium of \$5.00 him to be sure and visit his "Mom" and each lucky holder. His lucky grad "Pop" (names our son calls us by) when off of this bonne bouche would

> the only reason that you have a shirt on your back is because he did not ask If this "bird" is still working this the bona dea Portuna.

as well as that of Mr. Garner before he gets to them.

W. WILLARD BARCOCK. NEW York, Pebruary 15.

With Louis Elishemius in Del Mar. To tim Entrop of Tim Sun-Sir: When Is It Gracious for the Steady Drinket that Louis sket hes sea gulls as they slide along the wave; or when they cave; when I think upon the serpents production of "Steady brief. that this poet-painter's seen-those hig. fat and yellow long ones that are somtimes brown or green-then a feeling average his till; and baying of appealing that my senses seem to . crawling over me comes stealing yet with Louis in Del Mar. H. E. 1.

#### WEST ORANGE, N. J., February 15. A Marylander's Court Equipage. From the Leonardtoon Enterprise.

Captain "Jack" Parker of Oakley has to the process of dissolute an ox that he has broken to harness. This pared to advise the rest of church on Sundays. Parker has ordered expects to visit Lounardtown during March

American newspapers have vied looking down upon him. Of a certain house on a hill directly across the Bosporus from Yildiz, at least two with one another in execrating the miles off, it was said that he had ordered the windows facing his way to be boarded up lest the inhabitants should observe his goings and comings through a telescope. How true this story was I do not know. But the people in the neighborhood of the

house believed it, and for whatever

side, and that side only, were heavily

reason the windows on the Bosponi

HIS OWN PEOPLE.

Passionate Releicing Over the Downfall of the Great Assassin, Regardless

of Race or Creed-Ris Name Used to Frighten Children.

Not far from this house stood a very large wooden villa, built with two wings (the harem and selamlik) dilay. idated and weather stained. The gate in the great wall which secluded in from the street was nalled shut, and nothing was left of its former grandeur but a magnificent wistaria vine over the entrance. The great entrance hall, from which staircases led to the two parts of the house, was as bare as a cellar, and the boards in the floor-Turkish houses seldom have good wood that in crossing it one was constantly stubbing one's toe. The marble founbe succeeded by the Red Kaiser, fran- tains had been stripped of their fixtures and no water flowed in them. This great barrack of a place, accordthe home of one of the Bultan's favorite pashas, who, being wealthy, was also one of his favorite hosts, till the pasha's turn came to be suspected and to disappear. Like so many of the thirty years occupied as conspicuous a Red Sultan's victims, he left only a

ing konak behind. A well known story concerns the ence of a high walled villa, quite nat- chief cook at Yildiz, who on a certain occasion drew upon himself his masof a legend. But it was surprising ter's insane suspicion by serving a soup thickened with vermicelli in the shape of stars. Now as "Yildiz," the a plot into this incident and to find name was a word to frighten children grounds in it for the immediate execution of the unfortunate cook. As I shape of letters of the alphabet and the soup containing Y-I-L-D-I-Z, I fear it may be apocryphal.

The qualities of which these enecerally held to be a tendency to a hard working asceticism and unusual conversational powers. So for the first, son the legend of Abdul Hamid was a it was reported after the evacuation of Yildiz that the ex-Sultan had spent most of his time while there in a plain were passed about. His notorious cow- most un-Oriental office far from the ardice was the theme of several. Thus harem. Perhaps the truth of this asit was said that when the Young Turk | sertion is attested in part by the fact committee, containing the son of one that the deposed monarch took so few

Of Abdul Hamid as a talker the sition, he shrank back, crying fear- story was told in the English colony fully: "You are going to kill me!" and of a former Ambassador to the Subhe was ready to submit to anything if lime Forte from the Court of St. James's, who, on the eve of his retire-Akin to these were the stories of his ment after a term spent in fighting suspiciousness, which amounted to a the Sultan, went to Yildiz to take The greatest of spies lived leave of his hated host. Here he was in constant fear of being spied upon, so charmed by Abdul Hamid's conas the greatest of assassins lived in versation that he began to wonder He whether after all he had not been misbuilt a high wall around the Yildiz taken in the viliain. The subject of gardens, but this would not, of course, the conversation, if I remember cor-

## PREMIUM BONDS. He Is a Smooth Talking Swindler of A Pleasing Lottery Advocated to Stim-

plute Purchasers. To the Editor of The Sun-Sir! Wh said bonds' security, the fixity and the This fellow is smoother than the pro- regularity of their interest, their mar-

The proposed bonds will be real and

The currie powder, the tabasco, that - a weed ineradicable despite the diswould have the most interesting witness even to be murdered with a hoe :- which prompts us to obtain as much as is

The premium bonds will bear 2 per months-among the holders of, ray That was the last chapter of his story, 5,000 bond numbers drawn from a wheel

On a bond issue of \$5,000,000 way affect the holder's Now when you haven't seen your hay terest would be paid to hen on a for months and a fellow comes along ceeding interest days, her pr with a fine glowing account as he did, would come to him at the appearance thrill with the costatic apprehense to another coy and shrinking visit for

game I trust some of the parents of have one such thrill before to the state that he may know what sort of a word he has been living in. However NEW YORK, February 15

# IN THE EIGHTH DECADE.

to Advise Reform Now TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUNpoem. He admits that in the his "eight decades" he has dr the age of discretion without effect, save such as may t his favorite though important director, he concludes that it

well to shut off the booze. In other words, "Stead; resigned as he ought to be, Go to, you old reproba-Drinker"; drift pracefully is without further ado!

New York, February 15.

stitution.

fecting war efficiency.

game may be preserved for an inden- of the parlor car Damon, carefully nite time. So writes the Governor of tended by a dusky porter named lord, it is he indeed that took me, and conservation measures," the big game before Congress, which permits the

than two-thirds of the Territory. A circular from an outfitter says